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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : TALENT Study of the Trans-Siberian Railroad

REFERENCE : [Redacted] dated 17 June 1958

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1. I believe you will be interested in the attached study produced by ORR on the Trans-Siberian Railroad based upon TALENT materials.

2. It is of minor significance perhaps that an Economic Intelligence Committee subcommittee headed by the Army had for some time devoted great resources to producing a report prior to TALENT, and, therefore, the report was completed without the benefit of TALENT. Though I am sure they would have preferred to use the materials from TALENT, they had already invested such manpower in the study that they thought they ought to go ahead even when TALENT became available.

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4. One is particularly struck by the following comparisons:

a. Fifty-five per cent greater traffic performance than the Army estimate.

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b. Sixty-seven per cent greater tonnage than the Army estimate.

c. Twenty-three per cent greater traffic than that announced by the USSR for 1955 and thirteen per cent for 1956 etc.

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